(c) whether Government propose to withdraw the order, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) The authority to sanction various types of pensionary benefits in respect of officers and personnel of the Navy and Air Force retiring on or after 1st November, 1985 has been delegated to the Controller of Defence Accounts (Navy), Bombay and the Deputy Controller of Defence Accounts (Air Force), New Delhi, respectively.

(b) The Government orders have been issued with a view to streamline the procedure and in the interest of the pensioners. The Government have received some representations against this delegation.

(c) Since the Government orders have been issued after considering all the aspects and in the interest of the pensioners, it is not proposed to withdraw the orders.

Pollution Control System in Fertilizer Plants

2529. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA :
DR. LOKESH CHANDRA :
SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the names of public sector fertilizer plants in which pollution control systems have yet to be installed; and

(b) whether the aforesaid plants have obtained clearance against environmental pollution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table to the sabha.

Assistance to Acharya Rajneesh by the Indian Embassy in US

2530. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR :
SHRI S.W. DHABE :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 607 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st November, 1985 and state :

(a) whether any assistance was also given by the Indian Embassy in US to Acharya Rajneesh in the cases filed against him in US; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what is the result of criminal cases filed against him?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Embassy of India in Washington extended the normal consular assistance. It is expected to give in cases of Indian nationals in similar situation, in accordance with international practice.

(b) In connection with the legal proceedings concerning Shri Rajneesh in the USA, his attorneys were in touch with the Embassy of India in Washington for such legal advice that they might need. The Embassy of India also consulted its Honorary Legal Adviser in the matter. Besides approaching the State Department to ensure that Shri Rajneesh's rights were protected and that he received humane and fair treatment, an officer of the Consulate General of India San Francisco was deputed to visit Shri Rajneesh in Portland on November 8 to render whatever assistance he could. He obtained agreement of the prison commandant that Shri Rajneesh's needs would be taken care of including timely food and medicines.